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Export of Marine Food and Products
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of marine exports in the country along with the total quantum and value of marine food and products exported from India during the last three years, product and country-wise and the foreign exchange earned therefrom;
(b) whether there is a decline/growth in the export of marine food and products during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken to boost the said export;
(c) whether the Government has received any representation from Lakshadweep Administration to export special tuna fish from Lakshadweep and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;
(d) whether the Marine Products Development Authority has initiated any project in Lakshadweep to improve the fishing export sector and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the measures taken by the Government to protect the small and marginalised shrimp farmers in light of growing competition from Thailand and Vietnam?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a). The quantum and value of marine products exports during last 3 years is as follows:-

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Quantity (in Metric Tons)	983756	1051243	945892
Value (in Rs. crores)	30213.26	33441.61	30420.83
Value (in billion US$)	5.01	5.51	4.68

Note: The product and country wise details of marine products export may be seen at Annexures - I & II respectively.
(b) The marine product exports achieved an all-time record figure of 1.05 million tons valued at Rs. 33,442 Crore (US $ 5.5 billion) in 2014-15. There was a decline in exports in2015-16by 10.02% in Quantity, 9.03% in rupee value and 15.06 % in US Dollar earnings.

The main reasons for decline in 2015-16 are revival of the aquaculture production (especially Shrimp) in Thailand and Vietnam after the disease outbreak in 2013-14. This led to easing the price situation of shrimp in the international market. Further, the depreciation of Euro, weaker economic condition in China, devaluation of Yen along with poor landings in capture fishery also contributed to the decline in exports.

Number of steps initiated by Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA) to sustain the momentum of growth which include assisting export-oriented aquaculture farms and processing facilities, popularizes Better Management Practices (BMPs) in production, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) in processing sectors, enrolment of 50,000 aquaculture farms for development of a robust traceability system, conducting Pre-Harvest Testing (PHT) to ensure exports EU is antibiotic residue free, promoting small farmers into Clusters and register them as societies, better operation of Aquatic Quarantine Facility (AQF) and Brood stock Multiplication Centre for L. vannamei shrimp, reducing crop failures due to disease, effective marketing through International Seafood Fairs in major markets, organizing India International Seafood Show (IISS) to facilitate higher exposure to overseas buyers and also for inviting attention of new technologies to the country and organisingbiennial show named Aqua Aquaria is also organized by MPEDA to promote the innovation and sustainability in the aquaculture practices and ornamental fish trade.

The exports have picked up during the current financial year and as provisional figures to the end of December, 2016 there is an increase of 3.8 % in quantity, 15% in value in rupee terms and 11.41% in value in US $ terms.

(c)No, Madam.
(d)Yes, Madam. The process of setting up of tuna processing facility in Lakshadweep with the technical assistance from Japan has been initiated wherein MPEDA has offered all possible assistance to the project.
(e)Number of steps initiated by MPEDAto protect the small and marginal shrimp farmers which includecapacity building to adopt Better Management Practices (BMPs), clustering of the small and marginal farmers into Aqua Farmers Welfare Societies, training on efficient use of resources and providing technical advice to the farmers and financial assistance for setting up of common infrastructure facilities.
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